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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the final office action mailed, August 12, 2002 in relation to the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following Claims:

(Twice Amended) A shock-resistant system for operatively interconnecting modules within a computer system to enable data to be transmitted and received therebetween comprising:

a first module having a first media access control logic circuit formed thereon for transmitting and receiving